GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

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Wages of Agricultural Labourers
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)the level of wages of agricultural labourers in various States in the country as on 31 July, 2016, State/UT-wise;
(b)whether the State Governments are revising such wages in every five years as mandated under the law and if so, the details thereof along with the compliance, State/UT-wise;
(c)the amount of wages of agricultural labourers increased during the last three years and the current year State/UT-wise; and
(d)the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)
(a) & (b): Under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 both the Central and the State Governments are appropriate Governments to fix and revise minimum wages every five years in respect of scheduled employments within their jurisdictions. The scheduled employment "Agriculture" falls both in the Central and the State Sphere.

As a part of Rural Labour Enquiry, Labour Bureau has been compiling and maintaining average daily wage rates in respect of selected agricultural and non-agricultural occupations on the basis of the information collected by the National Sample Survey Organization from a fixed set of 600 sample villages spread over 20 States. Average daily wage rates for General Agricultural Labourers in rural areas for the month of July, 2016 is given at Annexure I.

(c) & (d): A statement showing State-wise Annual Average Wage Rates and their Growth Rates in Rural Areas for General Agricultural labourers is given at Annexure II.
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